

Career Tech Matters

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As we begin 2017, the Pickaway-Ross Board of Education has two new board members: Randy Davies and Andrew Vitaoe.



They join President Byron Lloyd, Vice President Jeff Hartmus and Bob Bower, Dan Bradhurst, Dr. Marilyn Carnes, Darrell Cottrill, Richard Everman, Todd Stevens and Byron Welch.

Combined, they have a cumulative record of more than 100 years of service to the Pickaway-Ross school district.

In fact, last month we recognized Dr. Carnes for 30 years of continuous Pickaway-Ross board service.

As a career and technical school, several of our board members also serve on the governing boards for the Pickaway County Educational Service Center (Bob Bower, Richard Everman and Byron Welch); and the Ross-Pike Educational Service District (Byron Lloyd and Darrell Cottrill); the Circleville City Schools board (Dan Bradhurst and Todd Stevens); and the Chillicothe City Schools board (Jeff Hartmus).

And Randy Davies is a returning board member, having served Pickaway-Ross from 2002 to 2004.

I share these numbers with you because Gov. John Kasich has designated January as School Board Recognition Month and this group certainly is worthy of recognition.

Being a school board member is not glamorous.

They review information and vote on who we hire, what we teach and how tax dollars are spent.

So, no, it's not glamorous.



The Pickaway-Ross Board of Education members, from left, Randy Davies, Bob Bowers, Jeff Hartmus, Dick Everman, Todd Stevens, Dr. Marilyn Carnes, Byron Welch, Andrew Vitaoe, Byron Lloyd, Darrell Cottrill and Dan Bradhurst.

But it's essential to the running of a school.

In Gov. Kasich's proclamation designating the month to honor board members he said, "The service provided by the members of Ohio's city, village, local and joint vocational boards of education and educational service centers' governing boards is critical to ensuring high quality public education for Ohio's schoolchildren. Through partnership with teachers, school administrators, staff and parents, school board members provide vital leadership and support for schools."

More than giving of their time, board members give of themselves.

As Dr. Carnes said last month, "I love education. I hope I've made an impact on the kids by serving on the board."

To all of our board members, in January and every month of the year, you have had quite an impact and you are appreciated.

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